THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The Government has offered to have meeting with the Hurriyat Conference at the level of the Deputy Prime Minister. The modalities and time for the meeting would be decide after considering all relevant aspects

(b) The Hurriyat led by Maulvi Abbas Ansari has announced its decision to accept the offer of a dialogue. Some members of the SAS Geelani faction have reportedly not supported the stand of the Hurriyat.

Spurt in Infiltration in J and K

152. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a spurt in infiltration by terrorists from across the Line of Control in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the months of July to September, 2003 as a result of which there was an increase in terrorist related cases of violence;

(b) if so, the number of civilians killed and injured during the period from 1-7-2003 till date and the number of terrorists and their local sympathizers killed and injured during the same period, separately; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to control, contain and eliminate terrorism from the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per the assessment made by various agencies and security forces, there has been an increase in the infiltration of terrorists from across the Line of Control/International border during the months of July, August and September 2003 compared to corresponding period last year. The State Government has reported that the infiltration bids foiled by Security Forces on LoC/IB during this period have been 17 in which 68 terrorists including 59 foreign terrorists got killed. However, terrorist violence witnessed a marginal decline as compard to last year during this period. There were 1057 terrorist violence incidents during July to September 2003 as against 1189 during the same period last year.

(b) From July 1 to November 15, 2003, 331 civilians (including members of VDCs and SPOs) were killed and 733 injured. However, 677 terrorists were killed during the same period in the State.

(c) The Government, jointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro-Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes *inter-alia,* strengthening border management and multi-tiered and multi-model deployment along with International Border/LoC and near the ever changing infiltration routes to check infiltration, as well as pro-active action against terrorists within J and K, including operations in remote, hilly and forested pockets, protective measures for remote, scattered and minority populations, public buildings, religious shrines and vital installations; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at various levels, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, and action as per law against over-ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic security forces deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State Government (including in the 2 Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister J and K) and in the Central Government.

In addition to directly taking on the terrorist groups and being open to dialogue with various sections of people within J and K, Government conjointly with the State Government is taking steps aimed a economic development, provision of social services and creation of employment opportunities so as to reduce dissatisfaction level amongst the people of the State.

Increase in naxalite activities

153. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalite activities are on the increse in the country especially in selected pockets of the country;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to curb this menace;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?